

# 2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE NEW BEDFORD

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Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

## Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation\*

Total Funding: \$797,414

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>272</b> Received Case Management Services	<b>714</b> Received Street Outreach Services	<b>\$487,851</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>8,500</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<b>212</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$69,693</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>25</b> Participated in Employment Programs	<b>79</b> Completed a Subsidized Year-Round Employment Program	<b>\$69,693</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>103</b> Participated in Recreation Programs	<b>103</b> Developed Leadership Skills	<b>\$69,693</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>70</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>74</b> High-Impact Players Arraigned	<b>\$100,484</b>

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

## Youth Risk Assessments

0% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
10% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
90% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## Success Highlight

*"One Participant was considered a gang member in the making and continued to make bad choices. The participant was not doing well in school, was homeless, and had no means to support themselves.*

*We began working with the participant and was able to work in collaboration with their case manager and a police officer to assist the participant in getting their Driver's License, a job, and opening their first bank account. The participant is no longer gang-involved and is currently going to school full time during the day, working a second shift job, and will be moving into their own apartment."*

*~New Bedford Shannon*

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

New Bedford

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	95,363
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	21.1%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	13.4%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	15,868
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	74.0%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.2%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Gang Activity in New Bedford

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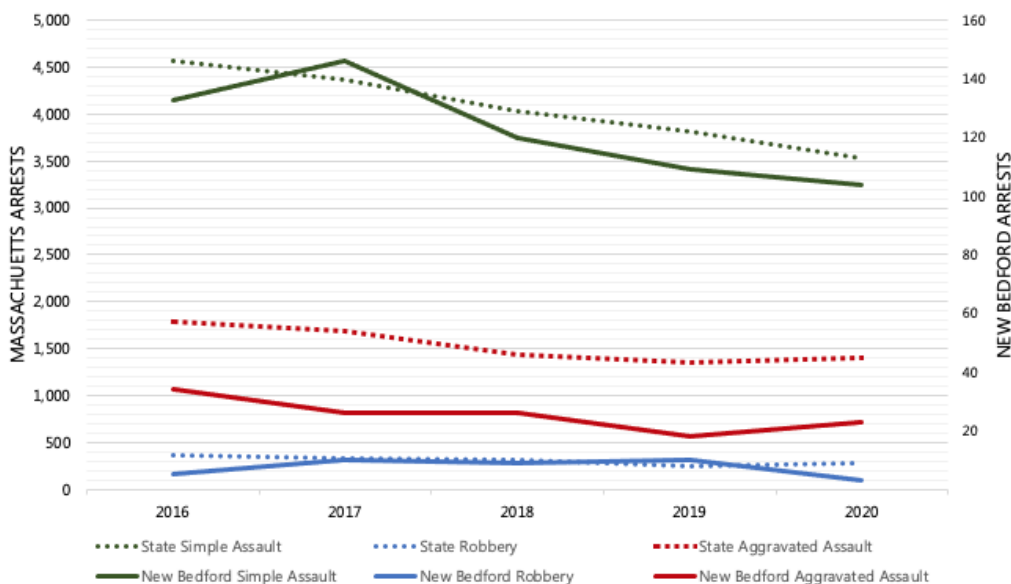
Street Gangs

172

Gang Members  
Under 25

During 2020, New Bedford Police Department confirmed 31 active gangs with 582 validated gang members. Of the 582 validated gang members, 172 (29.5%) were under the age of 25. The largest gangs include the Latin Kings, Violent Offenders, Gangster Disciples, Shotgun Crips, Maniac Latin Disciples, and Nine Tray Gangsters (Bloods). Gang related activity included shootings, stabbings, physical assault and efforts to claim turf and/or status in specific neighborhoods. Gang members used social media for recruitment, retaliation and fueling tensions between rival gangs, neighborhood sets, and members of the same gangs.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

#### Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- New Bedford decreased 22%

#### Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- New Bedford decreased 40%

#### Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- New Bedford decreased 32%

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